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Honor, Student Council Officers Elected



Morgan Crawford—Honor Council
Todd Scantlebury—Student Council

Elections for the Student and Honor Councils were held May 3, the first to be conducted under the new process instituted by the Student Council this spring.

The 1974-1975 Student Council officers are:

Senior Class: Todd Scantlebury, president; Phil Ownbey, vice president; Kirby Davis, secretary; Madison Bell, treasurer.

Junior Class: Brad Hooker, president; Clinton Regen, vice president; Freddy McLaughlin, secretary; Brion Friedman, treasurer.

Sophomore Class: Raymond Lackey, president; Jeff Glazer, vice president; Bill Scanlan, secretary; Charles Sawyers, treasurer.

Honor Council officers are:

Senior Class: Morgan Crawford, president; Glen Civitts, vice president; Bill Scanlan, secretary; Peter Shell, treasurer.

Junior Class: Jerry Patterson, Justin Milam, John Rebrovick.

Sophomore Class: Jay Hodge, Chris Stengel.

The new process involved a simple addition to the old system encouraging interested students to nominate themselves and speak up for their views and ideas.

By allowing people to post self-nomination announcements on the student bulletin board within a 14 day period before the election, the Student Council hopes that students will become interested in candidates and the issues and give the elections serious considerations.

Class meetings will also be held a few days prior to elections so that candidates can present their ideas to their entire class and answer any questions.

"The success of this new process, as of any other system, will entirely depend upon the sincere interest of the students. There was nothing wrong with the old system or the Student Council Constitution. We just felt that this new process would be advantageous to all students who viewed the elections seriously," said SC president John Elam.

Reactions have been in favor of the new process from both students and faculty members. Participation in the process resulted in the posting of more than 20 self-nominations for various offices in all three high school classes.

Delvaux, Truckin', Ransom Lead 'Manic' Talent Show

By Bob Tosh

The 2nd Annual MBA Talent Show was, in a word, manic. Yes, I say, manic. The guy who wrote "And when she was good, she was very, very good/And when she was bad, she was awful", or whatever, must have been referring to this year's event. The high points were higher than Amateur Hour Number One, and the low points were abysmal.

Mustachioed MC Gil Templeton introduced the first entertainer, non-competing Tommy Treadway, a former MBA student who picks and sings. His "Don't Mess Around with Jim" showed his picking has not faltered since last year, and his singing has improved a great deal; it seems as if his style is mellowing and becoming more refined.

After him, the deluge. Competition began with Harvey Kirkpatrick playing guitar and singing one of his own compositions, then "Bad Bad Leroy Brown". The former was confidently played and well sung—his vocal had a certain quality not rivaled in any other singing act. But the latter, alas, was "worse" than the person in another sense, especially in the vocals.

Ransom Entertains

Master of the 80's Will Ransom then took to the keyboard despite the roar of the crowd, playing with the intensity of Cliburn and the light touch of Entramont, combining calm excitement with precise and proper emphasis. His rendition of Joplin's "Entertainer" was much better than anything Hamlisch could do to it.

The cello playing of Bill Hase seemed like good wine: it shall improve with age. His instrument was badly tuned, and his vibrato was feeble and wobbly. He showed great promise in perfecting a difficult undertaking.

Rupert Palmer took to the stage to prove once again that, in his words, "Poetry is nothing to sneeze at." He managed to provoke numerous sneezes with



Delvaux plays piano toward \$50 prize

"Sonnet #4," "The Poet's Song" with thirteen (count 'em) literary allusions, "The Ditchdigger's Chant" and "Lilah Oh Lilah". His efforts to enlighten the jaded MBA audience were enjoyable. John Bond's compositions for piano were very strong and played well." His "Walk in the Wilderness" sounded a little like "McArthur Park" and "Ghostriders in the Sky"—don't laugh, I like "Ghostriders". "Leslie's Number" was wonderful, at the same time gentle and foreboding.

'Odd Couple'

The Odd Couple they weren't, but Tony Hoffman's and Bill Scales' act was a bit unusual: for lack of a routine, they read out of joke books. It seemed as if they would only tell Italian and Polish grub jokes for their act until Peter Oldham was called to the stage to thump tunes on his teeth. Luckily for them, the act was saved.

Joe Davis sat by the micro-

phones on stage soon after to play two original guitar ditties, "When I Come Out of the Clouds, Will You Still Be There" and "You Always Smile at Me, or Big Milkshakes Need Tall Glasses". Other than taking the honor of having the best song titles of the night, he came across pretty well. His first song was particularly good.

Under the cover of darkness, Chickenman the Magician (pretending to be David Wells) tried valiantly to astound and perplex his audience with outrageous demonstrations of magic. The high point of his act came in his fruitless attempts to make a clock disappear (it didn't).

The magic fingers of Bill Delvaux worked, however, much to the delight of those witnessing his feats with a piano. In playing selections from *Godspell*, Delvaux used a light, agile touch, and was ready at all times to present the right intentions

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Elam Discusses Year

Student Council: How Successful?

Student Council 1974? It tried to get a student center and ended up with a radio and bulletin board. In any case, is this a rather superficial concern for the Student Council? And was the student body consulted before the proposal was made?

Student Council 1974? It initiated a community project for some day home nobody's ever seen before. Were the students consulted before the project was "forced" on them? Did the student body really get behind it to help—to help an idealized group of black kids somewhere in North Nashville? Eight volunteers?

Student Council 1974? A new election process. Is it necessary? Can there be expression by and support of candidates without irresponsible, harmful negatives? Are students merely awayed by what is said by others, rather than thinking and voting independently?

Student Council 1974? A combo on the last day of school? Is this really a significant contribution to an otherwise non-existent MBA social life? Where were all those open meetings? Where were the students at those meetings? What happened to all those polls, all that communication? Was the only enlightenment generated by Student Council

1974 of the Sylvania Long Life variety?

Should the Student Council stimulate the student body with resolutions of superficialities (hair), generalities, (extension of honor system, student responsibility and the curriculum), and unrealities (voluntary study hall and the advisor-advisee system)? Should the Student Council be a purely representative organization—representing apathy?

The MBA Student Council has a great deal it needs to do. But how much can it do? How much and what will the student body do?

The Student Council here has many potential functions. The Student Council this year perhaps did things wrong, but it did things. Sure, it would have been better if we could have gotten the student body to rock and roll—ideals are always nice to achieve.

Student Council 1974 can claim few fulfilled ideals. But that day care center does have \$2,000 worth of equipment that it didn't have before. And the students can look for a music appreciation course next year. And, of course, they can always listen to some rock and roll radio when they're feeling down. Material satisfaction isn't the best, but it is, nonetheless, satisfaction.

Freshman Year Remembered

By Will Akers

Do you remember when you were a freshman? Go, Lord, I sure do. Looking back I now realize that, ah yes, that was the . . . uh, worst year of my life.

Fear. One does not know the meaning of the word until you spend a year (hopefully only one) as an MBA freshman. The first day, stuck in a left-handed desk behind a 10-foot junior. Assembly, thrills of a life-time. Freshman meeting in the A-V room for election of officers, 8th period. A-V room? What th! I'll never find it, holy cow—this school is so big! How can I elect an office if I don't know anybody? Huh? Tell me that. Eighth period—I gotta live through eight periods? I'll die. Lunch is second half of sixth. Abra Cadaver. The human skeleton.

Assembly over, you walk to class—late because no one would tell you where the biology lab is. Everyone spots you as a "new kid." "Hey! Lookit the goofy guy with the thick glasses!" "Whatta jerk!" After almost killing yourself lighting a gas jet—without a burner—you escape at least one period without getting demerits. Demerits! DEMERITS! shaking in your weejuns you realize how close you just came to death.

A word (or three) on demerits.

All your life you've heard of them, and Mr. Carter starts talking about shoveling coal. Oh no! Demerit hall begins to sound like solitary at Leavenworth.

All the first day you are in a dazed stupor. And all the second. And third. It is not until the second semester of your junior year that you finally figure out what is really goin' on. Only then do you finally grasp the meaning of your meagre existence. Only then do you fulfill your search for an inner soul.

But let's get our mind off Mt. Olympus and back to the gutter, 'cause when you're at MBA you notice . . . girls! What you notice about 'em is an amazing lack of female pulchritude, forsooth. They are not part of the MBA way; there is no place for them on the hill—they are scarce, chum. You (as freshmen) really notice this come spring when thoughts turn to . . . Fraternities! Ah yes . . . the ole frat combo. Your first date. Picking her up at her house and as you get into the car you begin to worry (so soon-) about the goodnight kiss. Already you ask your pal, the driver, (in whisper) "When do ya put the move on? Huh?"

Yes, that brings back (fond?) memories.



Seniors Depart for Greener Grass

In keeping with tradition, a large number of this year's graduating class will stay in Nashville next year to attend Vanderbilt University. However, fewer seniors than in previous years will be going to Vandy. Also as in previous years many of the seniors will attend the University of Virginia and the University of North Carolina.

The class of '74 did prove unique in one aspect—six seniors will attend Ivy League schools next year as compared with only two from last year's class. Three Ivy League schools will have MBA graduates next fall, a surprising number when compared with previous years.

Geographically, 75% of the seniors will stay in the South, with 48% of those remaining in Tennessee.

Seventeen seniors will be attending fourteen non-southern schools, showing a diverse as well as an interesting choice by this year's graduating class.

College selections are:

Vanderbilt—20
 Will Akers
 Dan Barge
 Randy Bibb
 Dewey Branstetter
 Mark Brown
 Russell Carpenter
 Tim Cummings
 Burke Hardin

Dan Hartmann
 Jody Hutton
 Bill Lelley
 Alan Lequire
 John McClellan
 Peter Oldham
 Rupert Palmer
 John Peterson
 Keith Summar
 Reed Trickett
 Frank Turner
 Scott Tygard

UNC—6
 Todd Baker
 Eddie Gillum
 Shannon LeRoy
 Will Long
 Steve Thompson
 Wade Thornton

UVA—7
 Scott Brittain
 Andy Claybrook
 Wade Cowan
 Boyd Crafton
 Baird Dixon
 Steve Holt
 David Wells

Alabama—4
 Kirk Abner
 Jamie Cowan
 Milton Maxwell
 Denny Thompson

Southwestern
 Jimmy Flexer
 Ronald Sims

Yale
 Chris Armour
 Joel Koenig

Princeton
 John Elam
 Walker Mathews
 Walter Morgan

SMU
 John Barton
 Hill Granberry

Tulane
 Bryan Dixon
 Kirt Hibbits

Ga. Tech
 Tony Hoffman
 Larry Wieck

Washington & Lee
 Don MacLeod
 Willie Mann

UT
 David Mullendore
 Bruce Spaulding

Auburn—John Huggins
 Eckard—John Hines
 Fla. Southern—Bill Branch
 U. of Fla.—Johnny Voigt
 Harding—Lee Thornton
 Harvard—Marc Stengel
 Indiana U.—Charles Benneyworth

Memphis State—Warren Johnson
 MIT—Miller Batson
 U. of Michigan—Randy Sender
 U.S. Naval Academy—Jim Harbison

U. of Pennsylvania—David Small
 Rochester—Arthur Goldner
 Skidmore—Tom Pennington
 U. of Texas—Joe Collier

Last Wills and Testaments

I, Kirk Abner, leave my position at McDonald's to Scott Summers.

I, Will Akers, do leave my lifetime membership at the Magic Touch to Tommy and Clark.

I, Chris Armour, leave my library card to whoever can afford the rent, and a lot of (expletive deleted) to Mitch Walker for Bob Tosh.

I, Todd Baker, leave my Milton Maxwell imitation to Robert Harris.

I, Dan Barge, leave my necky driving habits to Barry Gaddes.

I, Miller Batson, leave Cheat-ham County for Carl Flygt while I find the fresh air of Massachusetts.

I, Charles Benneyworth, leave the streaking parties to Jimmy Chandler.

I, John Randolph Bibb, Jr., do hereby leave to Bob Tosh my skill at calligraphy, and jacket of Luther Burbank "Big Tomato" seeds, and an underlined edition of Dale Carnegie's *How to Win Friends and Influence People*.

I, Bill Branch, leave the pressures, restrictions, and frustrations at MBA; and take the fond memories and beneficial experiences in order to discover "lions roaring in the forests of knowledge—whales swimming in the oceans of life."

I, Dewey Branstetter, leave my uncanny ability to get out of trouble to Clark Akers and Tommy Stumb.

I, Scott Britain, leave Denny Thompson in peace.

I, Mark Brown, leave MBA for skid row.

I, Andy Claybrook, leave the Hill, still waiting for MHL to get straight my tough-grained, commonsensical name, so to speak.

I, Wade Cowan, leave with a smile on my face, knowing something that Mr. Carter doesn't know.

I, Boyd Crafton, leave my uncanny ability to hit my head on every door frame to Lee Edmondson.

I, Baird Dixon, leave the MBA parking lot for future confrontations.

I, Bryan Dixon, leave MBA to face the real world which has got to be better than what Mrs. L. said it would be.

I, John Elam, in order to clean a few consciences, do hereby bequeath all those small, two dollar packages of four light bulbs that last three times longer than the average Sylvania Long Life bulb and can be sold in anywhere from five seconds to five minutes and that have never been accounted for, to all those who ripped off the Student Council.

I, Jimmy Flexer, leave without trying to be funny in my Last Will and Testament like everyone else.

I, Eddie Gillum, attesting that I am of sound mind and body, willingly and knowingly leave without turning in my last theme because I left it in my car.

I, Arthur Goldner, bury my keen awareness in Mike Farmer's

I, Hill Granbery, leave MBA still wonderin why I ain't passed no theses this here year.

I, Jim Harbison, being of sound mind and body, do leave my intimate relationship with Mr. Duncan, and my deep understanding of the complexities of the game of basketball to Mike Farmer.

I, Burke Hardin, do leave my

traffic citations to whoever wants them.

I, Dan Hartmann, leave my soccer dribbling ability to Gerry Goertz.

I, Kirt Hibbits, leave to think in future years of "shades of MHL."

I, John Hines, leave my firm grasp on reality to Russ Heldman.

I, Howard Anthony Hoffman, leave my only copy of *The Fisherman's Bible* to the math department.

I, Steve Holt, leave my basketball ability and attitude to Mike Farmer.

I, John Huggins, leave for Ray's Taproom.

I, Jody Hutton, leave the History Room window for whoever can fill it.

I, Joel Shelton Koenig, do hereby leave my (expletive deleted) personal papers to Ed Freeman, if I can get a tax deduction.

I, Bill Lellyett, leave my "cheeks" to be used by MBA as a full-scale map of the world for Mr. Ridgway's history classes.

I, Alan Lequire, leave my mother, a few sheep, and a lot of barbed wire to recuperate.

I, Will Long, do hereby leave my Silver Shadow to adorn the MBA parking lot.

I, Don MacLeod, do hereby leave MBA with the knowledge that although I have disliked a lot of people, I have made many friends and acquired much understanding.

I, Willie Mann, leave my hushpuppies to Thom McAnn and the Brooks Bros.

I, Walker Mathews, leave my "MBA Love It or Leave It" (Continued on Page 4)



L. to R.: Rupert Palmer, Johnny Voigt, Patrick Wilson, Walter Morgan, Ron Sims

Four Seniors Receive Merit Scholarships

Four MBA seniors have been named as winners in the National Merit Scholarship Program for 1974.

Rupert Palmer, Walter Morgan and Ron Sims each will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to the college or university of their choice. There were only three other students in the Nashville area to receive this award.

Johnny Voigt will receive a four year scholarship to the University of Florida to study communications.

Palmer, who received the Harvard book prize, is a member of the National Honor Society as well as having received nine scholarship awards. The editor of *Xanadu*, the MBA literary magazine, he is also the arts edi-

tor of the BELL RINGER. He will attend Vanderbilt University.

Morgan, the salutatorian, plans to study biomedical engineering at Princeton University. A member of the Honor Council, he is also a member of the National Honor Society and captain of the MBA golf team.

Sims, who plans to study pre-medicine, has also received a four-year J. R. Hyde Scholarship to Southwestern at Memphis. He is a member of both the National Honor Society and the National Forensic League. Sims received the Optimists Club Youth Appreciation award. He is also the first student from the Tennessee area to receive a scholarship to the Army academy at West Point.

'Manic' Talent Show (continued)

of the music. His performance was probably the most inspired of the evening.

Kirk Guttman then played classical trumpet to the accompaniment of Will Ransom. I don't know quite what was the matter; his playing (Kirk's, I mean) was a little out-of-sorts, a bit slippery. His effort, however, was admirable.

To have sat in front of David Mahanes' guitar amplifier was indeed an experience. The aural ordeal was more of an adventure in high voltage hypersonic feedback. He did have sensible improvisations in spots, but the total effect on the audience was convulsive, literally convulsive. Gil Templeton said, "Rickles

has nothing on this guy"; let us hope not. Russ Heldman's "comedy" debut was akin to the plight of Nagasaki, to put it mildly. Among Heldman's admirers in the audience were George Fort, Mr. Poston, David Wells, Bill Hodge, David Graves, Brad Turney, Jack Nuismer, and Will Ransom.

Messrs. Brown, Spaulding and Brown mercifully appeared on stage afterwards, playing bluegrass. "Foggy Mountain Breakdown" was a victim of bad timing, but they made a quick comeback with "Last John". Spaulding's "The Moose Is Loose" was full of good piano work by Bruce; the Browns were reminiscent of Dan Hicks.

The last act, the Truckin' Blues Band, consisted of Joe Davis, Skip Woolwine, Gil Templeton, Todd Scantlebury, and Bruce Spaulding. "In Memory of Elizabeth Reed" featured Templeton with an excellent drum solo. A boogie jam followed, with great guitar work by Davis, and a performance by Spaulding on the blues harp (to use the vernacular) that was the envy of Charlie McCoy. Their performance was a resounding success with the audience.

While former student and recording hopeful Rudy McNeilly played guitar and sang several songs in the Prime-Dylan mode, the judges decided on the best act. Then Templeton announced the winners for this year: Will Ransom got third prize; the Truckin' Blues Band took second and Bill Delvaux won the prize for first place.



Bruce Spaulding and Truckin' play to second place.

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Forensics Team Successful

Glen Civitts will be a member of the Senate at the National Forensic League National Student Congress held in Dallas, Texas, June 16-20.

He was elected to represent the Tennessee District April 27 at the District Congress held at the State Capitol.

His election caps a highly successful year for the forensic team, which competed in 19 tournaments in five states during the year and received trophies in at least 11.

The highlight of the season was the N.F.L. District tournament at Overton when MBA won the sweepstakes trophy for the best overall record of any school participating.

Chris Armour and Ron Sims were two of the four finalists in extemporaneous speaking with Mark Green and Leeth DePriest eliminated in semi-finals. Sims placed second.

Keith Davis was a finalist in original oratory and two debate teams—Ward Rogers and Steve Zager and Glen Civitts and Steven Eisen—were defeated in the semi-finals.

Fourteen team members participated in the N.F.L. district tournament with schools from Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi.

Two debate teams also qualified for the state tournament.

Mrs. Selma Ridgway, forensics coach, said the team has not only done well in competition but has added a staggering list of new members in the N.F.L. well over one-fourth of the school now are members.

MBA held its own invitational debate and extemp tournament March 2. While MBA had the best record in debate and Chris Armour and Mark Green placed first and second in extemp, the trophies went to Overton for debate and Hillsboro for extemp.

At the Putnam County Invitation at Cookeville, Tenn., Ward Rogers and Glenn Civitts placed second in debate while Mark Green placed first in extemporaneous speaking. The team of Rogers and Civitts also did well at Mars Hill in Florence, Alabama. They reached the quarter finals while Ben Cohen and Andy May placed second in negative debate.

Extemporaneously speaking, at the Barkley Forum held at Emory University, Chris Armour, Keith Davis, and Ron Sims all reached the semi-finals from a field of about one hundred participants. At the Hodgenville, Kentucky Invitational tournament, Keith Davis placed second in original oratory. Sims, at the Henry County tournament held in Paris, Tenn., made the final round in extemporaneous speaking.



Charles Benayworth ponders his future.

Graduation, Then What?

Alternatives To College

By Mitch Walker

Where does one go after MBA? College, you quickly exclaim. However, there are other possibilities outside "the college experience" which give a more realistic picture of the world.

Probably the most appealing alternative is travel; to get out and see the world enables one to escape the shell to which a student at MBA often retrogresses. This is not a suggestion for the 15 countries in 14 days group tours. Instead, do as Pair Coopersmith says in his hitchhiker's handbook, *Rule of Thumb*, and join the thousands of other young people hitchhiking and camping around the world on "the road to Katmandu."

The problem mainly associated with travel is expenses. Cooper-smith, however, offers several suggestions for making money while traveling, especially in foreign countries. The most legal method is to find itinerant farm work or temporary factory work, with or without a work permit, for that country. An easier but more challenging method of making money is buying items such as blue jeans, liquor, and cigarettes in a country where these things are in surplus or where there is no duty tariff. Then one can sell these articles in countries where prices are high, thus making a tremendous profit.

Another alternative outside college is work. There are many possibilities in this area, and one can make up to seven or eight thousand dollars a year in jobs from construction worker to telephone operator.

The Peace Corps and VISTA offer opportunities to work and more important to experience a side of society from which one is often isolated at MBA. The Peace Corps also offers a chance for travel, and since the organization often picks volunteers for a certain country on the basis of the native language, one can finally put to use the foreign language you learned at MBA.

Since the possibility of a MBA graduate not going to college at all seems remote, the most realistic possibilities for "escape" are found in the deferred admissions and leave of absence programs many colleges have. In the deferred admissions program, one can take a year off between his

senior year of high school and freshman year of college. Or, a one or two semester leave of absence after beginning college can be taken. In either case, a college will approve a request for time off to work or travel.

The purpose of the experiences outside college is twofold. Dr. Nancy Lindsay, a psychologist, found in a recent study that students who took time off from college were more inclined to feel relieved from academic pressures. Also 50% of those students who took leaves got better grades when they returned.

Quill And Scroll Members Elected

Seven students were recently elected members of Quill and Scroll, an international honorary society for high school journalists.

Chris Armour, Randy Bibb, Joel Koenig, Alan LeQuire, Rupert Palmer, Bob Tosh, and Mitch Walker are the charter members of the MBA chapter. In subsequent elections, Palmer was chosen president, Bibb vice president, and Armour secretary-treasurer.

Students are selected for membership in the honorary society on the fulfillment of the following requirements: (1) they must be juniors or seniors; (2) they must be in the upper one-third of their class in general scholastic standing; (3) they must be recommended by the supervisor governing publications; and (4) they must be approved by the executive secretary of the Society.

Last Wills and Testaments

bumper sticker to Jimmy Evans. I, Milton Maxwell, leave with no mufflers.

I, Walter Morgan, leave my uncanny ability to be salutatorian and not exempt from English to whoever wants it.

I, David Harper Mullendore, leave my tough physical soccer playing to Michael Shea, my bad grades to Mr. Poston, my field goal kicking to Harvey Kirkpatrick, and those greasy french fries to Brown.

I, Peter Oldham, leave my low license plate to Reynolds, because after the elections I won't need it to get away with anything.

I, Rupert Palmer, upon departing for another and (I hope) a better world, do hereby make the following bequest: I leave my scarf and a pack of Alka-Seltzer to Joel Koenig, to revert upon his leaving to the residuary legatee; my cigars to Mama Hollins; my history and French notes to the MBA Library, and my name on a list; a case of Pepto-Bismol to Wally Gaither, for when we "never see him;" and to Mitch Walker, I leave the rest and residue of my ambition, my high social position, my "good name" and my hubris.

I, Thomas Pennington, do leave my name to David Johnson.

I, John Peterson, bequeath three pairs of one-legged khaki

pants to the MBA athletic department.

I, Randy Sender, leave this joint for another.

I, David Bruce Small, leave my Outstanding Seventh Grade Medal to Bruce Spaulding.

I, J. Bruce Spaulding, leave for Falls City.

I, Marc K. Stengel, have just realized that I have left four years of my future around here somewhere.

I, Keith Summar, leave nothing unless I forgot something, I think?

I, Denny Thompson, leave Lamsey to anyone man enough to handle her.

I, Steve Thompson, do hereby leave all my demerits to my brother, who already has more than I do.

I, Lee Thornton, leave my blazing indestructible Adidas cross-

country shoes to Scott Wells (as if he needs them) and my undying devotion to track and the two-mile run to Johnny Schaffner.

I, Wade Thornton, hereby bequeath my boxers to the MBA lock collection.

I, Frank Turner, leave THE tack in Mr. Drake's chair.

I, Scott Tygard, leave.

I, Johnny Voigt, leave for the sunshine and orange groves of Florida.

I, David Wells, leave the Drama Club to Bob Tosh, the annual to Carl Flygt and Madison Bell, and my ability to skip study hall and never get caught to anybody with my cunning and my prowess at digging up notes.

I, Larry Wieck, leave my silky straight hair to Bill Scanlan to further a tradition.

Students Place Well In Scholastic Contests

MBA students placed well in the State Math contest, the National French contest, and the National Latin contest, held during the past two months.

In the math contest, Miller Batson placed first in the state and

Walter Morgan placed second. In the district competition held at Peabody, the following students placed in the top ten: Comprehensive II—1st, Miller Batson; 2nd, Walter Morgan; 4th, Steve Thompson; 7th, Jody Hutton; and 9th, Joel Koenig.

Comprehensive I—2nd, Joe Amberg; 3rd, Mitch Walker; 4th, Scott Wells; 6th, Wayne Murphy; and 10th, Morgan Crawford. Algebra II—3rd, Charles Weesner; 6th, Bob Tosh; and 7th, Justin Milam. Geometry—3rd, Charles Sawyer; 4th, Ken Witt; 5th, Brian Batson; and 6th, Jody Macey.

Algebra I—5th, Norm Herron; and 6th, Steve Wallace.

In the Latin contest, the following boys achieved scores of at least 115 out of a possible 120: Latin I—Mark Armour.

Latin II—Don Bull, David Jones, Doug Maxwell, Jody Macey, Davison Hutton, and Charles Sawyers.

Latin III—Phil Howell.

The traditional "Tea Leaves" are omitted because the school refused to pay for them.

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Armchair Moviegoer's Guide

Recent Films Reviewed

The Sting—4½—The winner of seven Oscars, revealing an artistry at its best. A couple of small timers collaborate in an attempt to knock over one of the big men. A real twist ending is sure to make you either stunned or disgusted (probably depending on how much you like Newman and Redford, who are at best pretty good). Robert Shaw, who portrays the "Big Man," is excellent. B.P.

The Three Musketeers—5—The sixth return to the screen of those swashbuckling heroes, this time with the slapstick of a Bodanovich (*What's Up Doc?*) film. The picture mainly deals with the initiation of a fourth musketeer (Michael York) and the trials and tribulations he must go through in order to join the renowned triumvirate. A few of Hollywood's biggies (such as Raquel Welch) though re-

maining virtually anonymous, all add to the elaborate, gaudy surroundings beautifully. B.P.

Papillon—3 — An adventure story dealing with Steve McQueen's escape from Devil's Island, where no man has escaped before. Too long, too predictable and boring, and often excessively crude. McQueen is fair but Dustin Hoffman turns in a typical outstanding performance. B.P.

The Exorcist—4½—A shocking, yet actual portrayal of a girl's life-or-death bout with a demon who takes control of her body and tries to kill her. The shallow plot and irrelevant beginning are more than made up for by the special effects. Guaranteed to leave you dumbfounded and to inspire much thought on exorcism and demonic possession. B.G.

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Sportfolio

Where Do We Go From Here?

By Randy Bibb

Extremum fato quod te adloquor hoc est.

Part I: the Past

So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past.

From the portrait of Robert E. Lee hanging in the hall of the Ball Building to the signature of Sam Davis in the historic MBA register, the past constantly surrounds the MBA student. In sports the most prominent example of the past can be found in the foyer of the Brownlee O. Curry Gymnasium where carefully preserved lithographs record the heroic efforts of past titans of the gridiron. This year's football squad was good (a 8-2 regular season record; a 7-0 victory over Hendersonville in the Tobacco Bowl); but when one compares it to the colossi of the past, it seems to diminish somewhat in stature.

Take an example, the 1926 team. In 1926, *The Great Gatsby* had been on the bookstore shelves for four years, Lindbergh's flight was still a year away, and Adolf Hitler was writing a book titled *Mein Kampf*. Also in 1926, MBA was winning the Southern Championship in football. This, however, was not a first; the year before captain Charles Hardin led the Big Red to an undefeated and unscored season and the Tennessee State Championship. In nine games, Coach W. H. Kirkpatrick's squad scored 566 points to their opponents zero (including scores of 103-0 over Castle Heights, 91-0 over Paducah, 89-0 over Knoxville, and 87-0 over Portland). They scored an average of 62.9 points per game, with the narrowest margin of victory being a 26-0 win over CMA.

One must also remember that these were the days when football was football—three yards and a cloud of dust. The flying wedge was still a popular play, the forward pass was unheard of, and Red Grange had yet to emerge as a star. Little was known of injury protection; such things as thigh pads and helmets were nothing more than strips of leather fastened together.

But, returning to the 1926 MBA football team, Captain Herbert Brown must have sensed that unless they did something outstanding they would be obscured in posterity's eye by the preceding year's squad. So, the Big Red went out and again went undefeated and unscored on, this time in only seven games (including a 101-0 win over rival Wallace). The Southern Champions also scored an average of only 49.2 points on their opponents.

It must have been at this time that the crafty captain decided that he would find out how many minutes the team had played; and then, he would take this sum and divide it into the total points scored. Next, since he found that the points scored exceeded the minutes played, he would have a large print made up picturing the team and capturing this moment so that two generations later young boys would look with amazement at this mark. Pretty crafty, huh.

Well, to make a long story short, everything went well except that whoever the math brain was on the team inaccurately added up the point total. Now mind you, he did not make the error in their favor; instead of reading 345 points scored in 328 minutes, the picture reads 343 points in 328 minutes. (It is obvious that AP Calculus was not part of the curriculum.) When people complain about the emphasis on athletics at MBA, it is a sign of the times that this sort of error would not happen in a year when nearly one-half the senior class was recognized by the National Merit Committee for commendable scholarship and still have 9-2, bowl-game-winning football team.

Part II: the Present

In a minute there is time for decisions and revisions which a minute will reverse.

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Baseballers Finish Second In District

Two late season losses to eventual District 24 champ Father Ryan forced the varsity baseball team to accept a second place finish in the Western Division of the NIL. The Big Red's final worksheet listed 11 victories and 5 defeats in the 1974 campaign.

Fine pitching was an MBA trademark this year. In the second meeting with Pearl, junior Robert Harris pitched a one-hitter; but, the game was lost to Pearl on an error 1-0. On May 6, Harris hurled a perfect game striking out 17 en route to a 4-0 shutout. Jack Nuismer also pitched a one-hitter blanking Bellevue 2-0.

Solid batting, felt to be a weak point by Coach John Bennett at the start of the season, also led the Big Red to its second-place showing. In the opening contest on April 10, Mike Ralston hit a bases loaded double to defeat BGA 6-5. Nick Ganick drove in the winning run to help the Big Red overcome Hillwood in nine innings 6-5. In two other close games, Jack Nuismer ripped a hit to stop Bellevue 1-0, and Joe Thoni scored the winning run to



Jack Nuismer warms up before blanking Bellevue 2-0.

beat Pearl 2-1 in eight frames. Robert Harris came up with two home runs and Nick Ganick added another in the MBA-Lipscomb slugfest to power the Big Red to a 8-5 victory.



Hugh Entreklin lines up a crucial putt against Hillwood. Entreklin sank the putt on the way to a 76 and led MBA in the 5½-1½ win, capturing the District 12 crown.

Golfers Nab NIL Crown

Junior Hugh Entreklin and senior Walter Morgan led the MBA varsity golf team to a four-stroke victory over rival Hillwood and captured the District 12 crown. Entreklin was also the individual medalist, winning this title from Morgan when the junior birdied the second hole of a sudden-death playoff.

At the end of regulation play, Entreklin and Morgan had carded four-over-par 76's on the McCabe nine. Junior Dan Earthman and freshman John Hamilton shot 78 and 88, respectively,

rounding out the MBA foursome. The 318 total bettered second-place Hillwood's total (322; led by Steve McIntire's 77) by fourth and third-place Lipscomb's card (328; led by Rowan Leathers' 70) by ten strokes.

The win qualified MBA to participate in Region III tournament held at Harpeth Hills. The golf team, under head coach Donald Fairbairn, is going after its fifth straight regional title and second straight, and third in the past four years, state championship.

Junior School Sports

Golf, Tennis Reviewed

The junior high golf team finished the 1974 season with an unblemished record of 10 wins against no losses. Included in the final worksheet are six 7-0 shutouts: Ryan (twice), McMurray (twice), Hillwood, and BGA.

The Little Red competes in a league with five other schools: Moore, Ryan, McMurray, Hillwood, and BGA. In the course of a year, each team plays each other twice. Needless to say, with its undefeated record MBA easily won the league.

Out of the 23 boys who went out for junior high golf, Coach Ray Ridgway pointed to Curt Cole, William Morgan, Trey Suter, and Grady Burrus as the

most consistent golfers during the season.

At the conclusion of the regular season, a special individual medal play tournament (3 days and 27 holes) was held. Of the eight boys on the team, seven qualified for the semifinals: Grady Burrus, Curt Cole, Craig Comish, Robert Haley,

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Tennis Team Wins N.I.L.

The varsity tennis team won its fourth NIL championship under coach Gilbert Edson by defeating Eastern Division champ McGavock 4-1. Despite being plagued with injuries, the Big Red rolled up a perfect 9-0 NIL season, blanking the opposition 7-0 seven times during the course of the year.

The injury roll was led by number-one-seed Gil Templeton who sustained an arm injury and was unavailable for the championship match against McGavock. Under a special ruling, seventh man Johnny Daniel was allowed to participate in the District VI finals. Daniel rose to the occasion and, by virtue of his high finish, became one of the four singles players to be sent to the Regionals. These four, Johnny Howell, Chris Stengel, Steve Elliot, and Johnny Daniel, should face stiff competition from BGA, who has also placed four in the Regional field of twelve.

The tennis team, captained by senior John Barton, found rougher sledding in contests outside of the NIL. Pairs of losses came to neighbor BGA (8-1, 7-2), Chattanooga's McCallie (9-0, 8-1), and top-ranked Baylor (8-1, 8-1); but the team also managed two 9-0 shutouts against Clarksville and Webb, a team composed primarily of former MBA students.

Coach Edson, though he called this squad the best he had while at MBA, felt that next year's team would be a "tough" one. He looked to the youth of the team as being its strong point. (Senior John Barton is the only departing highly-seeded player.) Next year's squad should be led by rising-seniors Gil Templeton, Johnny Howell, and Johnny Daniel, rising-sophomores Steve Elliot and Chris Stengel.

Varsity Sports In Review

VARSITY FOOTBALL (9-2-0)

MBA 7, Overton 22*
MBA 14, Hillsboro 0* (H)
MBA 27, Stratford 8* (H)
MBA 14, Pearl 0* (H)
MBA 35, Antioch 14*
MBA 23, Old Hickory Academy 0
MBA 20, Hillwood 0* (H)

(Homecoming)

MBA 14, BGA 6

MBA 21, East 6*

MBA 21, East 6*

MBA 14, Ryan 17*

Tobacco Bowl:

MBA 7, Hendersonville 0

*—NIL Game (H)—Home Game

CROSS COUNTRY (8-1-1)

MBA 18, Antioch 45

MBA 32, Overton 24

MBA 33, Northwest 22

MBA 50, Maplewood 15

MBA 30, East 25

MBA 35, Ryan 20

Oak Ridge Invitational 6th of 18

Lipscomb Invitational 6th of 24

MBA 30, McGavock 27

A. F. Bridges Invitational 4th out of 24

MBA 40, Hillsboro 20

MBA 28, Northwest 28

NIL Championship 3rd

Regional 6th

VARSITY BASKETBALL (11-16)

MBA 44, Hume-Fogg 59*

MBA 52, Bellevue 45*

MBA 42, Glencliff 51* (H)

MBA 46, Cohn 47* (H)

MBA 49, Hillwood 54*

MBA 26, Hillsboro 55*

MBA 63, BGA 60 (H)

MBA 62, Brentwood 41

MBA 90, Peabody 43 (H)

MBA 60, McCallie 61 (H)

MBA 63, CMA 48 (H)

MBA 44, Overton 56*

MBA 52, Pearl 84*

MBA 75, Brentwood Academy 49 (H)

MBA 44, Ryan 65* (H)

MBA 73, Bellevue 68* (H)

MBA 64, BGA 82

MBA 39, Hillsboro 42* (H)

MBA 45, Cohn 66*

MBA 56, CMA 41

MBA 56, Hillwood 41)* (H)

MBA 42, Overton 58* (H)

MBA 44, Pearl 58* (H)

MBA 68, Antioch 57*

MBA 50, Ryan 63

(Tournament Games)

MBA 86, Bellevue 65

MBA 36, Ryan 49

*—NIL Game (H)—Home Game

VARSITY WRESTLING (2-8)

MBA 24, Glencliff 31

MBA 22, Antioch 32

MBA 6, Father Ryan 49

MBA 6, Clarksville 42

MBA 34, Hillwood 30

MBA 33, Hillwood 22

MBA 24, McGavock 37

MBA 18, Overton 39

MBA 18, Franklin 39

MBA 28, Maplewood 33

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Sportfolio (Continued)

Now has come the time to briefly recapitulate the 1973-1974 athletic season. Due to time and space limitations, this article will deal only with varsity sports.

Beginning early last fall, this year has been a quite successful one. The Big Red's football squad rolled to a 9-2 record, losing only to eventual District champ Overton 22-7 in the first game of the season and arch-rival (and arch-fiend) Father Ryan in the final regular season game 17-14. This grudge loss (not soon forgotten) was only partially offset by the 7-0 win over Hendersonville in the Tobacco Bowl at Hartsville. At this time, the cross country team cannot be left out. Led by junior Scott Wells, the Big Red harriers rolled to its best season in history and became a formidable NIL power.

Continuing into the wintertime when snow and cold drive the heartiest souls inside, a group of brave (albeit a little crazy) soccer enthusiasts donned their shorts and rolled to a second-place finish in just their second year of full-scale operations and first under Coach Tommy Webb. It was only by virtue of a last-second, 1-0 loss to Chattanooga's McCallie that the MBA boosters were deprived of the championship trophy.

The Big Red's basketball five also put together a fine season. Though they finished the regular season 10-15 and split their two playoff games, nevertheless it was a great improvement over the 4-21 record of one year ago. The small, but physically punishing, squad was also under a new coach, Mr. Bill Duncan.

The final big winter sport, wrestling, also finished the year with a losing record. The 2-8 dual meet record is worse than it actually was—several weight divisions (especially the heavyweight division) were forfeited until late in the regular season. With the addition of more wrestlers, early season losses to Glenclyff (31-24) and Antioch (32-22) could have been avoided. One bright spot was Todd Baker's third-place in the 170-pound division of the State Tournament held at Overton. The grapplers were also under the guidance of a first-year-on-the-Hill man, Coach Toby Wood.

Spring brought two NIL championships, one second, and several outstanding individual performers into the limelight on the Hill. The golf and tennis teams, both perennial NIL champs, captured their respective crowns again. Coach Donald Fairbairn's golfers now look for their fifth straight Regional championship; whereas, Coach look for their fifth straight Regional championship; whereas, Coach Gilbert Edson sends four of his netters to the twelve-man Regionals.

Errors cost the baseball team, under Coach John Bennett, their second NIL crown in three years. The Big Red nine completed the season 11-5, tied for second in the NIL's Western division. Two late-season losses to eventual champ Father Ryan (that arch-fiend again) ruined a season which saw Robert Harris hurl a perfect game (recording 17 strikeouts) against North, 4-0.

Coach Michael Drake's track team also fared well winning the District, but some individual standouts fared better than others. The 1974 track year marked the graduation of senior Shannon LeRoy, one of the state's top high-jumpers. Scott Wells in the mile and the mile relay team proved to be one of the best in the NIL.

Part III: the Future

When I get older losing my hair,
Many years from now.
Will you still be sending me a Valentine
Birthdays, greetings, bottle of wine.

To predict the future requires a special talent (just ask Jean Dixon); but the outgoing sports editor will now gather his swami turban, magic wand, and crystal ball (relics left from David Wells' magic act) and attempt to predict the future of MBA's athletic teams in the upcoming 1974-1975 season.

The predominance of young players on the varsity teams this year looks to be a good sign for the future. Multi-sport men like Robert Harris, Joe Thoni, Jack Nuissner, and Nick Ganick were juniors this year. Mike Ralston, starting center on the varsity basketball team and also a member of the varsity football and baseball squads, was only a sophomore this term.

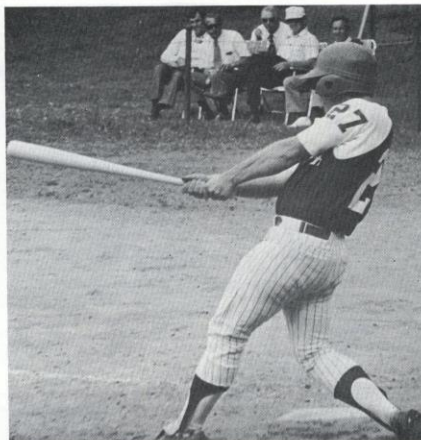
In golf and tennis, two sports where MBA dominates the NIL year after year, the Big Red seems to be a sure bet to continue their winning ways. Hugh Entekin started the youth revolution by defeating senior Walter Morgan on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff to be the medalist in the Western division of the NIL this year. The remaining two places on the golf team sent to the Regional playoffs were claimed by Dan Earthman (also a junior) and John Hamilton (a freshman). Following hard on the heels of the varsity came the Junior High golf team who, like the varsity, also went undefeated for the 1974 season.

Coach Gilbert Edson's tennis team has always been a young squad. Next year's team should display a culmination of years of practice and NIL play. Losing only one senior, John Barton, from the top-seeded players, the team will be led next year by rising-seniors Gil Templeton (4 letters, 3 NIL championships) and Johnny Howell (4 letters, 3 NIL championships), and rising-sophomores Steve Elliot (2 letters, 2 NIL championships) and Chris Stengel (1 letter). Freshman Stengel has already shown promise—he led the entire team this year in winning percentage winning 11 out of 14 matches. "This year's team has been the finest since I've been here," remarked Mr. Edson.

Five new tennis courts are also pointed out by Coach Edson as a key to his future strength. "We've been promised the new courts all year," he said. "I hope that they are installed before next year. BGA, a local contender, has seven tennis courts. This allows them to play each other and improve their game; I feel that this is part of their strength." Mr. Edson believes that besides allowing more students to play tennis in the intramural program the new courts will allow the members of the varsity team to arrange more challenge matches and thereby improve their own game and the overall game of the team.

In sum, MBA should look forward to a very successful athletic year in 1974-1975. The tremendous returning freshmen, sophomores, and juniors should promote the athletic tradition of the Hill that dates back to the nineteenth century. And so, the BELL RINGER's sports staff departs until that one fine morning in September when the cycle begins anew.

Now up my knee to keep on top of another year of snow.



Scores from Page 5

Varsity Soccer (11-2)

MBA 5, CMA 1
MBA 1, Castle Heights 0
MBA 3, Ryan 2
MBA 4, CMA 1
MBA 1, TMI 0
MBA 4, CMA 1
MBA 1, Baylor 5
MBA 1, Ryan 0
MBA 2, CMA 0
MBA 1, Castle Heights 0
MBA 3, TMI 0
(State Tournament)
MBA 3, TMI 2
MBA 2, Webb 0
MBA 0, McCallie 1

Varsity Baseball (11-5)

MBA 6, BGA 5
MBA 8, Ryan 2
MBA 2, Pearl 4
MBA 2, Bellevue 0
MBA 5, North 2
MBA 2, Hume-Fogg 1
MBA 5, BGA 12
MBA 0, Pearl 1
MBA 6, Hillwood 5
MBA 6, Ryan 8
MBA 1, Bellevue 0
MBA 4, North 0
MBA 8, Lipscomb 5
MBA 5, Ryan 7
MBA 2, Pearl 1
MBA 4, Hillwood 1

Varsity Track (4-0)

MBA 78, TPS 59
MBA 96, Ryan 33
MBA 70, McGavock 67
MBA 77½, Hillsboro 52½

Baylor Relays 8th out of 22
Optimist Relays 5th out of 24
Banner Relays 6th out of 19
District VIII 3rd out of 11
Regional 10th

Varsity Tennis (12-7)

(NIL Matches)
MBA 7, Pearl 0
MBA 7, Overton 0
MBA 7, Cohn 0
MBA 7, Hillsboro 0
MBA 7, Hillwood 0
MBA 7, Peabody 0
MBA 7, Ryan 0
MBA 6, Bellevue 1
MBA 4, McGavock 1
(Other Matches)
MBA 9, Clarksville 0
MBA 4, Mountainbrook 5
MBA 1, BGA 8
MBA 8, Murfreesboro 1
MBA 2, BGA 7
MBA 9, Webb 0
MBA 0, McCallie 9
MBA 1, McCallie 8
MBA 1, Baylor 8
MBA 1, Baylor 8

Varsity Golf (12-0)

(NIL Matches)
MBA 6, Hillsboro 1
MBA 6, Lipscomb 1
MBA 6½, North ½
MBA 5½, Peabody 1½
MBA 4, Hillwood 3
MBA 7, Cohn 0
MBA 6, Overton 1
MBA 7, Ryan 0
MBA 7, Bellevue

Junior Sports from p. 5

Chris London, William Morgan, and Trey Sutter. In the final championship round, three of the junior high golfers placed among the leaders with Trey Sutter placing second, Curt Cole finishing third, and Craig Comish placing fourth.

The junior high tennis team completed their regular season on May 17 with a 7-0 shutout of Murfreesboro. The Little Red finished with a 13-1 mark, the only loss coming to McCallie's junior varsity team.

During the course of the season, Coach James Poston's squad claimed victories over Bellevue, Castle Heights, Franklin Road Academy, McMurray, BGA, Ensworth, Columbia, and Murfreesboro. The 13-1 mark was the best record of any junior high tennis team.

The Little Red was led by seven starters: David Templeton (24-1), Roger Burrus (19-2), Scott Eskind (20-3), Stan Bernard (16-5), Jackson Galloway (18-4), Jeff Speer (15-3), and Ross Evans (14-0).

MBA 6½, Hillsboro 6½
MBA 6, Lipscomb 1
MBA 5½, Hillwood 1½

Junior High Golf (10-0)

MBA 4, Moore 3
MBA 7, Ryan 0
MBA 7, McMurray 0
MBA 6½, Hillwood ½
MBA 6½, BGA ½
MBA 5½, Moore 1½
MBA 7, Ryan 0
MBA 7, McMurray 0
MBA 7, Hillwood 0
MBA 7, BGA 0

Junior High Tennis (13-1)

MBA 10, Bellevue 5
MBA 9, BGA 0
MBA 8, Castle Heights 1
MBA 3, Franklin Road Academy 2
MBA 8, McMurray 1
MBA 7, Bellevue 2
MBA 10, Franklin Road Academy 0
MBA 9, BGA 0
MBA 7, Ensworth 0
MBA 7, Castle Heights 0
MBA 6, Murfreesboro Middle School 1
MBA 3, McCallie J. V. 7
MBA 9, Columbia Whitthorne O
MBA 7, Murfreesboro 0

A Letter To The Sports Editor

Varsity Basketball In Retrospect

By Johnny Voigt

For decades, MBA has been considered one of the finest college-preparatory schools in the South. Being more than just another high school, MBA is designed to prepare the above-average student for a meaningful college education and a purposeful life. In view of these lofty goals and high academic requirements, one can little hope for a successful athletic program (just ask Vanderbilt!). Thus, MBA's success in athletics is extremely remarkable considering the amount of time required for such extra-curricular activities. The one program at MBA which has not been as successful as one would like is the basketball program.

The MBA basketball program has had many good years, but has never achieved the championship status of the football, baseball, tennis, and golf teams. There are numerous problems which hamper the basketball team (and the wrestling team) which will be very hard to correct.

First of all (in the field of athletics), MBA is a football school with a majority of the student support and alumni dollars going to the football program. Winning football is both a tradition and a way of life on the Hill which should not be changed. Basketball, however, is merely regarded as the sport that follows football and gets a lukewarm reception from the student body. One may rightfully ask who wants to see a team that has lost 38 games over the past two seasons, but one reason for some enthusiasm behind the team.

Most of the reasons for losing basketball are obvious, but cannot easily be changed. A lack of pure basketball talent in comparison to other schools has always hampered MBA, but it has been compensated for partially by superior coaching from Mr. Bennett and Mr. Duncan. The comparatively small size of the student body limits the resources for recruiting a team, also. Being a small school in the Large Division is no easy task. Lack of size is the basic reason for the

losing ways of the basketball team. Despite what the announcers say, basketball is a big man's game in which the little man is the exception. MBA's basketball team has too many exceptions to become a consistent winner. The standout big-man is Mike Ralston who averaged 9.1 points per game and 10.2 rebounds per game. Many teams (such as Pearl, Ryan, and Glenclyff) have several big-men, usually black. Race is mentioned only because the black man is generally regarded to be best basketball material. MBA, of course, has no blacks and, therefore, has a disadvantage in basketball from the start. One does not intend to advocate the recruiting of black athletes, rather one is merely stating a fact. This fact cannot be overcome despite the team's commendable foul shooting (71%), Joe Thoni's 14.8 scoring average, and team average of 15 assists a game.

In short, however, one can say that MBA has one of the best all-white Small Division teams in the Large Division in the state.